Theatre a feast

The Theatre Centre has a wide variety to please all appetites starting with The Insect Comedy from Oct. 23 to 27, and concluding with Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde at the end of April. Story page 9.

Oilers to repeat

Using their speed and scoring, Edmonton will again win the Stanley Cup beating the Washington Capitals in seven games. Story page 11.

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Jackie talks to students on strike

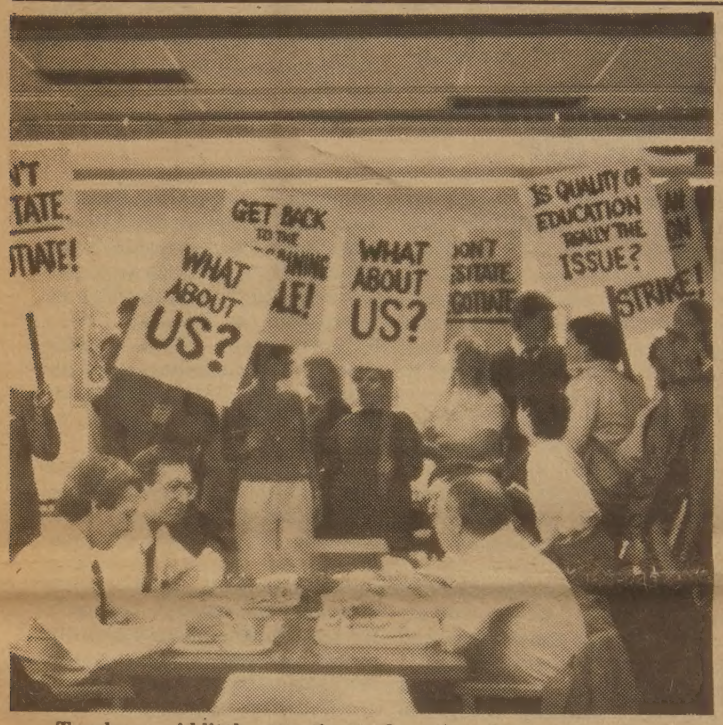
Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts planned two student assemblies to relay information regarding the teachers' strike.

Miss Robarts was to address students at noon today— if she was not called away to a meeting in Toronto — and on Tuesday at 12:10 in the gymnasium.

Students will be told what to do in the event of a strike and be able to ask Miss Robarts questions.

A radio announcement on Wednesday morning will advise students whether or not to come to school.

If there is a strike, Miss Robarts advises students to empty out their lockers but leave their locks on. Out-of-town bus service would be stopped and students would probably be told to stay home.



Teachers paid little attention and continued to eat their lunch as students marched through the faculty cafeteria protesting the strike. Photo by Sandra Lockhart

STRIKE ON?

Mediator to meet with union Sunday, expects round-the-clock discussions

Negotiators for Ontario's community colleges and faculty will return to the bargaining table Sunday and probably meet around the clock in an attempt to avert a strike, a union spokesman said at press time yesterday.

The Canadian Press quoted Katie FitzRandolph as saying mediated talks between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the Ontario Council of Regents will resume in Toronto.

The college presidents were notified by the Council of Regents late Wednesday afternoon that it had received notification of strike from the union. Notification must be given at least five days before a strike is to begin.

Citing breaches in protocol, faculty union negotiators have refused to renew negotiations to stave off a strike Oct. 17 which would take 750,000 full and part-time students out of Ontario's 22 community colleges.

A Canadian Press report quoted Katie FitzRandolph, Ontario Public Service Employees Union public relations officer, as accusing the Council of Regents of playing games. She criticized the action of the chief negotiator for the council for sending a Telex to union offices on a Friday afternoon (Oct.6) before a long weekend in an attempt to renew negotiations.

Ian McArdle, chief negotiator for the council, said he sent a Telex inviting the instructors' representatives to resume talks after hearing Graeme McKechnie, a York University professor, would not be available Wednesday (Oct. 10) when negotiations were expected to resume for two days, the Globe and Mail said.

"We made the proposal in the interests of getting back together, saying we would be prepared to meet with or without the negotiator," Mr. McArdle said.

Ron Kelly, chairman of the bargaining team, representing the 7,600 instructors, said: "The right and proper thing to do is to bargain through thhe mediator. You can't bypass the man who has been appointed to help the parties, and it appears that is what they are trying to do." He, too, was quoted by the Canadian Press.

REFUSED OFFER

The union negotiating team refused to receive an offer from the council through the mediator after negotiations had broken off Sept. 25 in the first day of a two-day negotiating period. That offer was to withdraw from the council's position on changes in the workload, which the union said was the major issue in negotiations. The union negotiating team again cited protocol for refusing to look at the offer since negotiations had broken off minutes before.

The latest invitation to renew negotiations (Oct.6) was sent to

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Concerned students protest teachers' strike

About 250 students gathered in the Hamilton Room on Tuesday at 12:10 p.m. to demonstrate their concern about the proposed faculty strike set for Oct. 17.

Tony Dellaventura, vice-president of internal affairs, and other members of the Student Administrative Council led about 70 students, who carried signs and chanted, "Don't hesitate — Negotiate," through the halls of Simcoe, Merritt, Black Walnut and MacKenzie buildings. A brief protest outside the office of Jacqueline Robarts, college president, in Hennepin Hall brought no response from inside.

Student Administrative Councils at 21 other Ontario community colleges held similar Reaction Day protests throughout the province, SAC president John Turner said.

At Niagara many students could not attend the protest because they had classes. SAC's announcement had asked that no students miss classes to attend.

Sir Sandford Fleming community college in Peterborough was host to an All Presidents' Conference Sept. 28, 29 and 30 at which the Ontario Community College Student Governments said they "shared the concerns of the faculty union with the undermining of the quality of education

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Strike will halt all day classes: Jackie

All full-time day classes will cease if the college faculty goes on strike, college president Jacqueline Robarts said on Tuesday.

About 7,500 members of the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union comprising teachers, librarians and counsellors at the province's 22 community colleges are ready to walk out on Wednesday unless agreement is reached on contract negotiations with the Ontario Council of Regents. Their contract expired Aug. 31.

OPSEU members voted 78 per cent in favor of a strike on Oct. 2 after a contract offer was rejected by a 95 per cent vote Sept. 28.

For Nia ra College's 3,555 full-time and ,000 to 6,000 part-time students, possible consequences of a faculty strike range from the inconvenience of making up lost class hours, having an extended school year, to — in the event of a lenghty strike — losing an entire term and postponing a dipolma.

REACH COMMUNITIES

Repercussions of a college closing may also reach members of the communities where campuses are located, such as the day care centre run by the Early Childhood Education program, the adult retraining students who are paid while they attend classes and the Theatre Centre which might have to cancel productions.

Miss Robarts said the college is investigating what measures it would have to take to keep the day care facilities in compliance with provincial regulation. "Recognizing the problems it would cause the community, our objective is to keep it open while keeping in with regulations."

Students on field work experience and co-op placement should not be affected by a strike, as the work takes place off campus and supervision is provided by people in the work place.

Miss Robarts said the college will negotiate with outside centres that provide field experience to students in programs such a social services and educational resources technician to continue with the field practice experience during a strike.

MAKE UP HOURS

Students enrolled in programs where graduation is subject to a requisite number of practical experience hours such as nursing and dental assistant programs will, like other programs, have to make up for any hours lost due to a strike interruption. She said, no program in the college would be prevented from finishing by a short term strike.

As for the Theatre Centre, all scheduled programs would have to be cancelled during a strike because the theatre teachers are also responsible for the production of plays.

"It would not be fair to those teachers to let someone else in to produce them. Hopefully, cancelled plays could be rescheduled."

No decision has been reached as to the fate of Niagara's continuing education program, however Miss Robarts said there has been some discussion, and she has asked the director to review which might possibly continue during a strike.

Because about 40 evening courses are taught by full-time

'Jackie' see Page 2

If students go, will they return?

Students who have travelled great distances to attend this college are anxiously awaiting a decision on the teachers strike. Most are uncertain whether to stay — or go; it all depends on how long a strike might last.

Dede Hiscock, 21, has ventured here from Corner Brook, Newfoundland, to attend the college. Niagara is the closest college to her home which offers the program she is enrolled in.

The second-year interior design student fears the possibility of a strike.

"If there is a strike I'll lose a lot of money. I've had to pay for travelling, shipping and rent.

"I'll wait it out for a while. I really don't know what I'll do. It's not worth the price to fly there (Newfoundland) if the strike is short," she said.

A first-year tourism student,**Natalie St. Pierre**, does not like the idea of a strike.

She comes from Lasarre, Quebec.

"If there was a strike I would go home if it was longer than two weeks," the 18-year-old said.

"If" has become the biggest word in the English language.

If the teachers go on strike, and if the strike lasts longer than one week, **Kim Olmstead**, first-year student at Niagara College Theatre Centre, will go home to Kirkland Lake, Ont. She wonders if she will be able to find a job.

Caroline Hayden of Bathurst, N.B., is also in her first year at the Centre. If a stirke closes the college, her New Brunswick student aid will be withdrawn. "I was given money to go to school," she said.

Caroline does not have the option of going home for the duration of a strike. "I am out of money. I am so far away from home, I can't go home for Christmas."

For some, the possibility of coming back after a long strike is non-existent. **Gary Ferguson**, 18, first-year student from Cape Sable, N.S. said, "if the strike lasts more than a month I would go home and not be able to come back."

Ken Goudswaard, 22, a second-year journalism student from Cornwall, Ont., said if the strike lasts just a week or two, he will stay in the peninsula.

"But if it goes on for three or four weeks, I'll go home and work for my dad until the strike is over. If I have to leave and work construction I'll be pretty upset."

If the strike is prolonged, Ken said he will keep working until the strike is resolved and possibly "write the great Canadian novel."

Karen DeBellefeuille, a 19-year-old human relations student, said she will be forced to go home if there is a strike.

"I'm putting myself through school and I haven't received my OSAP yet."

Karen, from Iroquois near Ottawa, said she will try to find a job here and if she can't she will return home.

"I don't want them to go on strike, our (the students') future is on the line."

For many students who are living on their own, moving home may be undesirable or impossible.

Susan Easton, 20, a human relations student from Simcoe, Ont., said she will be in a "real bind," if the teachers go on strike.

"I can't just move home, pack up my furniture and leave. It will be tough finding a job especially if everyone else is looking for one."

"I feel the responsibility lies with the government to negotiate with the teachers or finance those of us far from home."

Nancy Miller, 18, a first-year fashion arts student, said she has made plans if the dispute is not resolved quickly.

"If it is more than 10 days to two weeks I'm going to Florida."

Nancy, from Exeter, Ont., says she does not mind the idea of a strike, as long as it is not longer than two weeks.

"After that I'd start to worry."

Welland Vale

60% may not return

Welland Vale might be the hardest hit of Niagara College's campuses in the event of the proposed teacher's strike on Oct. 17, said Student President John Azzoli.

"If the strike lasts longer than three weeks, then 60 per cent of the students might not be coming back." The financial problems involved during a prolonged walk out would make it nearly impossible to return.

The strike, if it does occur, will take place this Wednesday if a settlement has not been reached and might close the doors of all of Ontario's 22 community colleges.

John said the people he has talked to were worried about their financial situation and were unsure a to the effects of a strike on both themselves and their education.

Most courses would have to be rescheduled and would create an overflow into the next year, John said. He added that this year's graduates would most likely end up entering the job market early.

John said students in Canada Employment Centre courses would be paid for only two weeks after the beginning of a strike. "After that, they're on their own."

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From Page One

Negotiations

the union's office by Telex and by courier to the home of the chief union negotiator. A news release was issued at the same time.

9 To 5

Mr. McArdle told a Globe and Mail reporter he was not responsible if union staff were not in the office on a working day. A telephone switchboard operator at the union offices said OPSEU office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during weekdays.

Mr.Kelly charged the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, represented by the Council of Regents in the bargaining, "is resorting to the news media to communicate with us."

The union represents college librarians and counsellors in addition to instructors.

Enrolment at the colleges is 120,000 full-time students and 630,000 students in part-time studies.

The original offer from the Council of Regents rejected by the union membership by 78 per cent across the province offered a five per cent wage increase and wanted removal of the number of hours an instructor would teach in a week but did not increase the maximum number of hours a teacher would be in class each year. Instructors teach 19 hours per week under the last contract.

STATUS QUO

The offer by the Council of Regents which the union refused to look at late in September would have restored the status quo on hours. The information was passed to the union membership by college presidents when the union negotiating team refused to consider it.

The union countered with charges of bargaining in bad faith by the council and said the wage offered had been reduced to three per cent from five and raised other issues such as a sick-leave buy-out which had not been included in any objections passed to the union membership.

NASTY COMMENT

A letter from Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said the council withdrew any changes in workload and that the wage increase ranged from three per cent to just under 10 per cent for some others.

Some instructors were reported to have returned the letter to Miss Robarts with nasty comments.

The average wage of community college instructors is $39,000. Instructors at the top of the pay scale earn $45,000.

In later statements, the union said the issue was not salary. Mr. Kelly said the main issue is quality of education which has suffered as a result of spending cuts over the last five years. Earlier the union had said changes in the workload was one major issue.

Jackie

staff, those would definitely be interrupted or cancelled. There also could be a problem of continuing education students and part-time teachers not wanting to cross OPSEU picket lines.

"No final decision has been made, but it would be unlikely to run anything besides seminars and some off-campus courses," Miss Robarts said.

SECURITY NO PROBLEM

Because security staff at the college are not college staff, Miss Robarts said college security should not be a problem; however, there would probably be additional security staff in the college during a strike. Students would also probably be advised to remove personal belongings from the college during a strike.

There has been no discussion with doctors at Health Services regarding a strike; however, Miss Robarts said that since Health Services is basically a student service, any out-of-town students with no local family doctors can probably contact Dr. Alexander at his private office.

Students in adult re-training programs that receive funds from Canada Employment Centre while attending school will be paid for up to 10 school days during a strike, provided they sign in and sign out each day.

This may present a problem as several Welland Vale students are from unionized employers and may refuse to cross OPSEU picket lines, Miss Robarts said.

Provided students return to school following a strike, loans through the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) will continue to be re-payable under the current terms, with an extension equal to the length of the interruption of classes. Miss Robarts said if a strike necessitates the extension of the school year, additional funds through OSAP will likely be available.

If the college decides the school year can still be completed following a strike, no tuition rebate will be made. After a strike has continued for three weeks, Miss Robarts said a week-to-week determination must be made as to the possibility of completing the school year in the time period available to them. There has been no discussion regarding text book refunds to date.

Niagara students march in protest against proposed teachers' strike.

Concerned

due to system under-funding" and "the concerns of the Council of Regents for equitablility and fiscal responsibility."

Executive vice-president Steve Gill said SAC "doesn't want to take sides against the teachers or the administration." The protest was organized because "students are suffering because of them."

SAC presidents demanded that "a fair and equitable resolution of the contract dispute be reached before Oct. 17 without any further negative effects on our education."

"As young people, we are presently facing the difficult prospect of preparing for a career in a difficult economy and now we have this anxiety increased by the intransigence of the negotiation parties," the statement said.

Copies of the statement were sent to Norm Williams, chairman of the Council of Regents; Dr. Bette Stephenson, Minister of Education; Sean O'Flynn, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union; college presidents and members of the provincial parliament.

Protest letter mailed to deputy premier

Welland Vale students have written to Robert Welch, deputy premier of Ontario, insisting on a swift resolution to the proposed teachers' strike on Oct. 17.

Letters were also sent to Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, and Joan Hastings, head of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union local 242.

"If there is a strike our financial backing will temporarily be discontinued within a short period of time," the letter said. "We well have no alternative but to go to the welfare offices for assistance." Student senate vice-president Betty Kuruziak estimated that 60 per cent of the students will be unable to finish their courses.

The letters said the students felt pushed aside and neglected by both sides. "We attend school because we want to further our education and this strike will prevent us from reaching our goals."

Betty said she hopes the letters will make some difference as Welland Vale is the worst place a strike could occur on account of government-funded courses.

The letter criticized both the provincial government and the union on the slow progress of the negotiations." If the provincial government and teachers' union cannot mvoe on their negotiations before they decide to strike: both of you actually saying that the students' education and our future can wait."

Some students have tried calling Mr. Welch's office in St. Catharines but Betty said she wasn't sure whether anybody actually got through to him.

Turner SAC president

Student Administrative Council president Charlie Porcelli resigned last week due to "personal reasons" and was replaced by John Turner, runner-up in last year's election.

SAC executive committee made the decision to offer John Turner the position after executive vice-president Steve Gill refused. John officially became president Oct. 4.

John will be attending a leadership and time management orientation meeting this weekend at the Old Stone Inn, Niagara Falls. John said he hopes this meeting will help him carry out his responsibilities as president.

The council has adjusted well to the presidential changes as members "all share a common bond of serving the students," John said.

While SAC's main concern is the pending strike, John intends to carry out his campaign promises. He intends to initiate a student activity fee for part-time students to increase SAC revenues, and to deal with the parking issue. John wants new parking facilities to be built without the initiation of parking fees.

Charlie gave written notice of his resignation to the executive committee on Oct. 3.

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While a few students march, many other students munch

By GREG GRIBBLE
Staff Writer

Only about 100 of the 3,000 students from the Welland campus bothered to join in the march Tuesday, to protest the possible teachers' strike, scheduled for Oct. 17.

The small turnout was evident by the large number of students sitting throughout the school, enjoying the double lunch period, either reading, chatting, smoking cigarettes or enjoying a snack from a bake sale in front of the library, which had been planned before the protest.

Although some students refused to be interviewed, some others had reasons behind their decision to protest or not.

DON'T TAKE SIDES

First-year law and security student Marc Taylor, a non-protester, said "we shouldn't take sides." If the teachers feel they have to strike, then students should honor their decision.

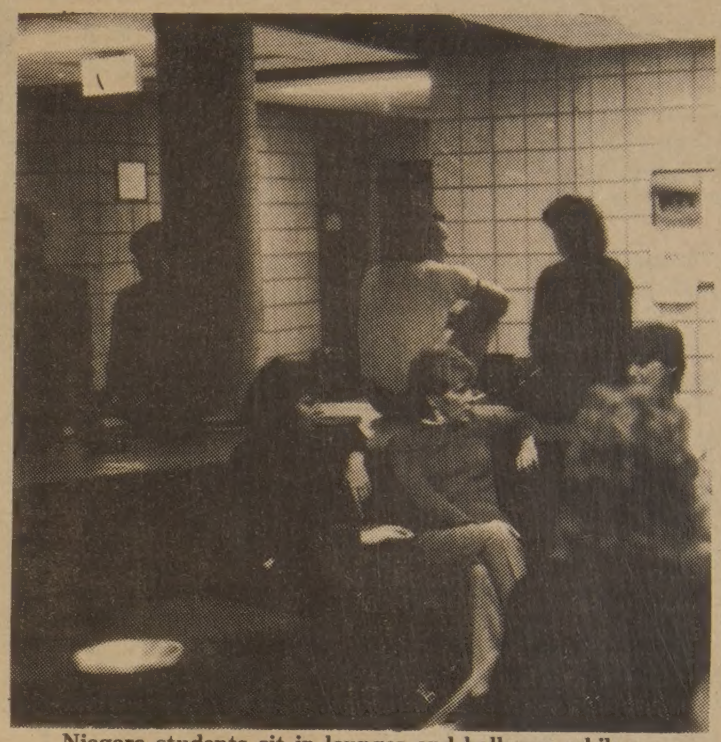
He thought students should not picket or march around the school but use other methods such as petitions.

Another law and security student, Ted Riehl, who did not participate, said he did not mind a strike "as long as we don't have to make up any time."

On the other hand, Bonnie Faulkner, a first-year social service student, and Kathy Awrey, a first-year law and security student, thought the protest was worthy of their participation.

They said the cause needed to have student support to express the opinions of the students.

"There's not much support considering the number of students," Bonnie said.



Niagara students sit in lounges and hallways while protesters march throughout the main campus.

Photo by Greg Gribble

The rally, organized by SAC, was part of a province-wide protest to express the opinions of the province's college students. Niagara's march covered the entire Welland campus and was made up of students carrying signs and chanting, "Don't hesitate, negotiate."

'Strike and we're *all* out': START

A new student group was formed this week to oppose a teachers' strike: START — Students Trying to Activate and Reinstate Talks. The group adopted its slogan: "One strike and we're all out."

The group has taken no sides in the strike, but wants to express displeasure at the delay in talks and settlement.

START launched a drive during the double lunch yesterday to collect signatures for a petition to be sent to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. It also handed out information and addresses for students to write and voice their objections.

START spokesman Bob Embury, 32, said the petition "is an alternative for students who didn't care to participate in the demonstration or parade around school." It also shows that "some students agree with the efforts of the Student Adminstrative Council."

Signs were placed around the school on Wednesday afternoon, but were torn down by Thursday morning. Mr. Embury said he "was upset at whoever took down the signs" and also "apologizes for signs placed in the wrong place." The signs would have made "more people aware of the petition."

Mr. Embury said START could use more donations for ads in local newspapers. People will be able to sign the petition on Monday morning and during double lunch on Tuesday in the main rotunda outside the library.

Call your MPP

SAC urges students who want to protest against the threatened strike to write to their members of the provincial parliament.

John Turner, SAC president, suggested that, to express their concern, students write to: Jim Bradley, St. Catharines; Mel Swart, Welland; or Vince Kerrio, Niagara Falls.

Students' interests important

The effect a lengthy strike will have on the Ontario Student Assistance Plan is not known.

"The Ministry of Colleges and Universities said the best interest of the students will be kept in mind," Elaine Grandmaison, financial aid officer, said.

"It will start considering changes to OSAP seriously after Oct. 17 if a strike does occur," Ms. Grandmaison said.

If students decide to work instead of returning to school in the case of a strike, they will have six months to begin paying back OSAP.

Students who have not received their grant or loan for this year will receive it. The financial aid office is not affected by a strike.

Azzoli and Ironside acclaimed to Senate

The office of president of Welland Vale's newly-elected Student Senate was awarded by acclamation to John Azzoli "because of the good job he did on the previous Senate," Morris Bosey, Student Senate adviser, said.

The secretary was awarded by acclamation too, to Kathy Ironside; the remaining members of the Senate were elected to office in the Sept. 28 election.

Betty Kuruziak, vice-president; Catherine Reay, treasurer; Kevin Madere, assistant treasurer and Tim Divito, events chairperson, were elected to their office.

The main goal of Welland Vale's new Senate is to improve ties with the main campus in Welland, Mr. Divito said. "We want more recognition with the main campus."

Among its bigger events the Senate plans to hold a Christmas party for the children of staff and students at Welland Vale. The party is an annual event sponsored by the Senate and has always been a success.

Mr. Azzoli said the Senate will try to develop the unused land on the west side of the campus to provide students with a place to spend their leisure time between classes.

The election was held Sept. 28 with a 20 per cent turnout, Mr. Bosey said. Student Senate elections are held every six months.

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EDITORIALS

Campus pub bad idea

It has been argued for a long time that Niagara College should, or should not, get an on campus pub for students on their spares or lunch.

No doubt such a pub would help lift the moral and enthusiasm the students show towards the college. Students would most likely stay on campus much longer during the day if they didn't have to leave for a drink.

Such a pub could support Niagara's athletics and other events therefore getting more students involved in school activities.

Although a pub would do all these things and much more, it's still a bad idea. Instructors would soon find lunch hours stretching into class time. Going for a quick beer before class would turn into an afternoon party. Before anyone realizes it, marks will nose dive while absenteeism would sky-rocket.

It's not a question of on-campus problems such as rowdiness and disturbing classes but problems in the community. It doesn't take long for people outside the college to find that there are problems and an alcohol problem is one that can leave a big scar on the college.

Any kind of limit on the amount of drinks would soon be broken because it wouldn't take long for someone to figure a way to get around the limit.

Students can easily leave the campus to drink but time and travel act as good deterrents in keeping most students from doing so. It seems that since there are so many other things to do around Niagara that most students wait until after classes for their drinks and the pub issue may be an issue on its last leg.

Rob Yedinak

Students will suffer

Teachers at Ontario's 22 colleges, including Niagara, have set Oct. 17 as a strike date if a settlement cannot be reached.

A teachers' strike at this time of the year would leave students caught in the middle. There is no way to determine the duration of any strike and students would be forced to wait it out.

A prolonged strike could cost students as much as one term. Are students suppose to put their lives on hold while teachers and management settle their differences?

Once teachers return to school, students will be forced to make up the work lost to the strike, and the quality of work may well suffer as a result of work being piled up.

A long teachers' strike could cost some students money if they have come a long way to go to school. If a settlement does not appear likely, students may be forced to return home, having to pay travelling expenses. Then, once the strike is settled, they must pay to return to the school, expenses that could be avoided if a strike is prevented.

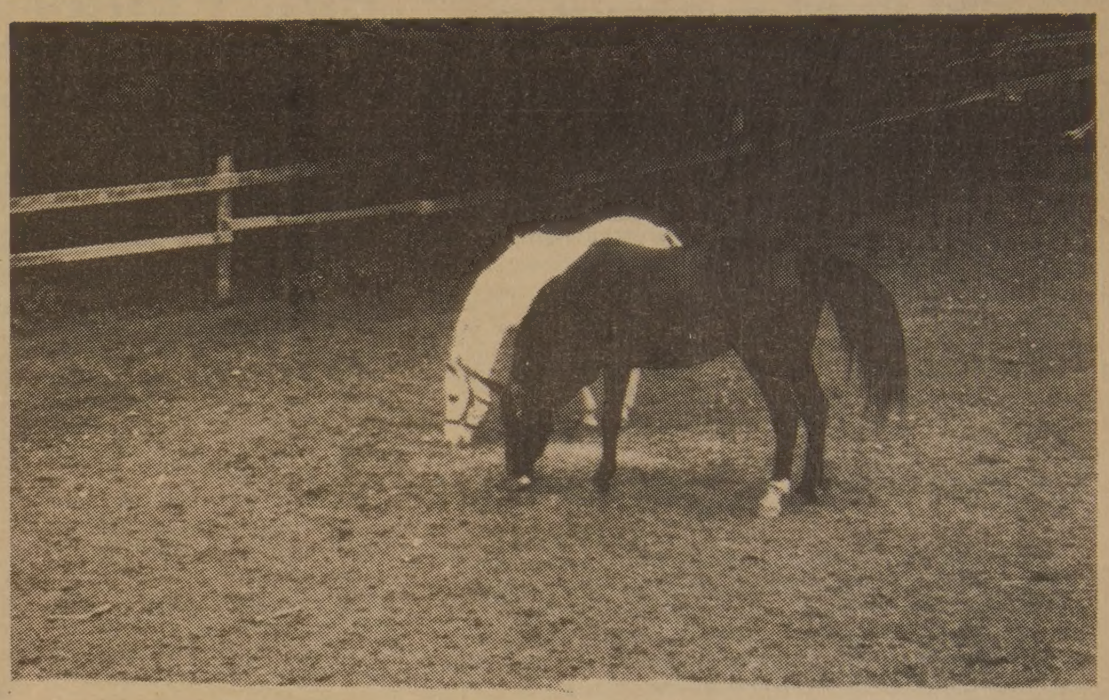
In a prolonged strike, many students will find it hard to break existing leases. As each month passes, they will be paying for apartments they have no use for.

While these may seem like isolated cases, they will happen to many students in a lesser degree.

Teachers, like anyone, have a right to strike but it must not turn into a long one. It is a long strike which causes the most concern for students.

If the teachers' union and management are unable to reach an agreement and a strike follows, students can only hope it does not drag on.

Mark Lewis



Kentucky Derby hopefuls?

While these horses may not be thoroughbreds, they are quite content to graze in the fields and laze away the days. With winter rapidly approaching, the warm temperatures of the past week were welcomed by both man and beast. Before long, winter snows will blanket the fields and the horses will have to look forward to the coming spring.

Photo by Shaun Smith

Letters to the Editor

SAC takes 'non-position' on strike

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 9, 1984 in the Hamilton Room of Niagara College, I witnessed a very discouraging presentation by the Student Administrative Council.

The subject of the organized student protest concerned the release to the media of an innocuous statement by the Student Administrative Council on the pending ramifications of the teacher's strike on the students of Niagara College.

This statement did not answer any of the concerns which the students of this college were preoccupied, nor did it address itself to the whys of the present provincial policies towards colleges and universities.

By wording this release in this manner it would appear that the bargaining position of the teachers received less than enthusiastic support from the Student Administrative Council. This is what the province had hoped for and the council was not intelligent enough to see it.

When you consider the financial games the province has been playing with the colleges and universities, it should be abundantly clear to everyone that the province has failed in its mandate to maintain and upgrade its educational facilities.

Today's world requires graduates to be able to meet the demands of today's market place. You cannot provide the kind of quality education this demands when students will be packed into school like sardines in a can (Government policy directions) and by increasing the teacher workload to accommodate this policy.

I am in a large class and it is nearly impossible at times to ask the necessary questions to satisfy my own needs with regards to the course I am taking, and it places unrealistic demands on a teacher, who has only 50 minutes to develop a given lesson with his or her class and very little time to answer the questions which arise from the students participating in that class.

If the Student Administrative Council had done its homework and properly researched this issue, I am sure that we would have been the beneficiaries of a comprehensive statement and the Student Administrative Council would have answered many of our questions in the process.

As things now stand, the Student Administrative Council has waffled on the issue and opted to support a non-position which when it is translated supports the province against the teachers. Wake up, students of Niagara College; you are being led down the garden path by a blind organization.

Sincerely
Joseph G. McCarthy
First-Year Journalism

ONE TO THREE

Instead of having one star chosen at the conclusion of a hockey game, Imperial Oil thought a three-star selection was appropriate. At the outset of the selection, Inperial introduced a gasoline called "Three Star."

Power changes hands in confusing shuffle

Dear Editor:

I am writing about the unusual shuffle of the president's position of SAC. It strikes me as being highly irregular that the loser of last year's election now is the president of this year's student council.

I have heard it mentioned that the vice-president would not accept the vacated president's post. Why would they not offer it to the next person in the chain of power, such as the treasurer?

Is not one of the goals of student government to be as realistc in nature as possible? I feel I can safely say if this happened in our federal or provincial governments, it wouldn't be accepted gracefully.

If no one in our present elected government wants to run things, why did they run in the first place? I think the only reasonable way to deal with this present situation is to dissolve our current student government and hold new elections.

Possibly also we should try to set up some screening process to weed out those candidates who aren't really committed to putting forth serious effort if elected — perhaps beefing up minimum grade requirements. Thank you for letting me voice these concerns.

Lisa Hartviksen
Computer Programming

Niagara's entry in the Grape and Wine Festival parade was made up of the solar bike and the Cheapskate 1. Four technology students and staff adviser Dr. Gordon Chen rode the bike in the parade. Photo by Jim Dominey

Proper public image important for College

It's important for the community to know what's going on at the college, information officer Foster Zanutto said, referring to the college's recent participation in the Grape and Wine Festival Parade.

"In a sense the public judges the college and its programs by the impression it gets from various things like this," he said. The right impression can pay off in increased enrolment.

The entry, the college's first since 1981, was made up of two projects from the school of technology, the Cheapskate 1 and the solar bicycle. The joint display was arranged by staff advisers on the projects, Dr. Gordon Chen and Nick Ciolfi, with the support of information services.

Dr. Chen, developer of the solar bike, had a banner made up bearing the college name and logo. The procession was led by students carrying the banner. The students were Gary Shaw, Fern Lucaretti, and Ken Bergsma of St. Catharines and James Mallory of Welland. All the students and Dr. Chen took turns on the bike which was described as "fun to ride."

The Cheaspskate 1, Niagara's entry in the Shell Fuelathon competition last May, was organized by Mr. Ciolfi. It was displayed in the parade with three members of the team that built it, Neil Jones, Larry Clarke and Brian Sommers.

Mr. Zanutto hopes a display can be built for next year. He would like to see one float constructed to be used in the Rose Festival, Blossom Festival and Grape and Wine Festival parades, but this is contingent on money, he said, with $400 to 500 needed.

Asked if he would be interested in working with SAC on a joint float, he said it would depend on SAC. They must have the initiative, it needs the commitment of "good, old-fashioned hard work."

Mr. Zanutto invited staff and faculty to submit ideas for the float.

Solar bike project

New course offered to Natives

In an attempt to overcome some of the barriers facing people of native ancestry, Niagara College will offer a 20-week program entitled Natives in Transition, beginning Monday, Oct. 29, at the Church Street Centre in St. Catharines.

Harriet Davidson, co-ordinator of the cluster of adult training programs in the human services, said the program will be "a college course for people of native ancestry to learn about future education, training, and career choices while reinforcing their cultural identity."

The course will be open to 20 students who must be at least 17, of native ancestry, and out of school for at least one year.

Recruiting will be "a collaborative approach between the Canada Employment Centre, the Niagara Regional Native Centre, and Niagara College," Miss Davidson said. Tuition fees will be paid to the college by the Canada Employment Centre.

For more information contact Niagara College at 684-1125, the Niagara Regional Native Centre at 684-6484, or a local Canada Employment Centre.

Challenging new job 'delightful' :Backler

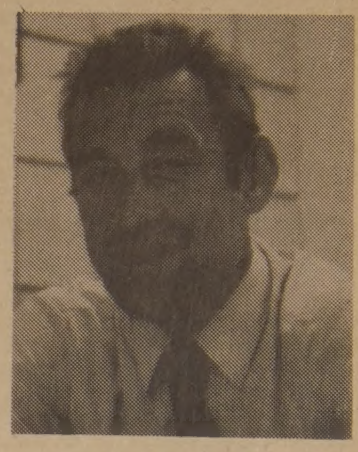
With loads more paper work, an increase in job pressure and plenty more responsibility, Tony Backler is finding the challenges presented with his new job delightful.

His position as chairman of the chemical/computer/electrical/electronics division, school of technology, has left him little time to think about his past at Durham College in Oshawa. Since his appointment he has helped to introduce Niagara College to two new programs, industrial instrumentation mechanics and hi-tech preparation for women. Both are additions to the school.

Mr. Backler is planning to concentrate his efforts on improving students' attitudes. Students are satisfied with far less then they should be, "for the last five years emphasis has been placed on being average," he said. He stressed it was attitude not intelligence which separated the graduating students from those not making the required grades.

Education changes

Education, the 44-year-old chairman said, will likely change within the next five years, industries will be hiring instructors to train and teach their employees. He said this method will be less expensive, more efficient and will net the college additional facilities.



TONY BACKLER

"Everybody and his brother will have a computer," he said, about growing home ownership of computers, although bragging about their acquisition will drop off.

When Mr. Backler is not busy with his new work, he finds plenty to fill his time. Philately and woodcarving are among his hobbies and he considers himself an addicted jogger. He is married and has four children.

He was in charge of the chemical and life sciences department at Durham College, he has a number of degrees in science and education from Queen's and Waterloo universities. He replaced Eric Malouin who resigned in March.

Overcrowding in the parking lots has students resorting to parking on the grass and other available space. Tickets are being issued to students parking illegally.
Photo by Holly Fugard

Example of co-operation

By JIM DOMINEY
Staff Writer

A good demonstration of all technologies working together is what Dr. Gordon Chen calls the solar bike. The bike, built in the college, is believed to be the only one in Canada.

It was constructed through the efforts of students in the electrical power technology and computer technology classes. It began as a class project for the power technology students. The computer class became involved when they designed and built a microcomputer for the bike.

Only one

Dr. Chen knows of only one other solar bike, located in England. He thought of the idea after reading about a solar car in Australia. The car cost about $60,000 to complete, Dr. Chen said, which was one reason he decided to build the solar bike. This one cost $800 to $1,000 to build.

The project was used in evaluation of seven students in the two programs. Tom Vinc, Gary Shaw, and Ken Kormos were the nucleus of the workers. "These three guys were always working on it," Dr. Chen said, with 14-hour days to get the bike completed. It took three months to construct the bike with two months used on planning alone.

Funds for the building of the bike came from the School of Technology and the Student Administrative Council. The school purchased the most expensive component , a solar cell. A broken cell was used to cut the cost in half to $300. SAC provided finds because of the student involvement and also supplied the reconditioned bicycle used in the project.

"SAC was really effective in getting Niagara College out to the community with projects such as this one," Dr. Chen said. "The amount of community relations gained was worth 10 times the cost to the college."

Dr. Chen emphasized that projects like this make industry aware of Niagara College graduates.

"We emphasize practice" to make being at school like real life in industry, he said.

New project

Every year Dr. Chen picks out a new project for his classes to do. "I always keep my eyes open for projects," he said, "I think maybe next year we will do a robot. We can tackle almost any technology but I like to select a project on how it relates to the public."

The bike operates because of the solar cell. It generates electricity that charges the bike's battery. Pressing any one of 16 keys on the bike's computer keyboard will set any one of 16 different speeds. "It took some learning to operate,"Dr. Chen said — mainly because it's top heavy.

Parking problem will cease once colder weather arrives

The Welland campus of Niagara College has a parking problem at the moment, but as colder weather comes, spaces will be easier to find, Jack Spittle, director of property and plant, said.

"There is not enough space for the number of students who choose to drive to school at this particular moment," Mr. Spittle said.

The number of students driving to school will decline as the cold weather comes. By the time people know their friends, form carpools and students facing financial problems have to find cheaper methods of transportation. "This happens every year," Mr. Spittle said.

Tickets are now being issued to cars parked in no parking areas. The cars being ticketed are vehicles parked in areas reserved for the handicapped, vehicles that block other cars, or, when owners of "nice, new" Camaros or Firebirds use two parking spaces.

There are no plans for future parking lots at the college. The matter of funding has to be discussed first, Mr. Spittle said. "Someone has to pay." Funds have not been made available to add parking lots to the college.

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Four Niagara College students earned credit last semester at Disney World. Back row far left, are Helen Simpson, Sharon Taylor and far right, Sherry Clark and Lisa Horvath.

Five student cooks win at annual competition

Five apprentices from the Rainbow Hotel Centre cook apprenticeship program, won five medals and four silver trays in the second annual Taste of Canada competition held in Toronto.

The event, sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Chefs de Cuisine, attracted 90 entrants from cook training programs at Niagara, Georgian, Algonquin and Fanshawe colleges.

There were three Niagara College winners from the Rainbow Centre in the basic program.

Tim Kierstead, employed by the Niagara Parks Commission, won a bronze medal for his decorated ham, second place in the cold buffet platter, and received a silver tray award in the meats category.

Peter Polchak, also employed by the Niagara Parks Commission, received a bronze medal for his specialty, Salmon Mousse.

Stephen Lee, employed by the Beacon Motor Inn, St. Catharines, won a bronze medal for a decorated salmon, and second place in the cold buffet platter, and won a silver tray for fish.

The winners from the second-year or advanced level were:

Hannelore Lafitte of the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines, who won a gold medal for duck galantine, and first place in the cold buffet platter of poulty, and won a silver tray.

Louis Paonessa, employed by Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, won a bronze medal for a salmon platter, and achieved first place in cold buffet platter, fish category receiving a silver tray.

The next awards night will be Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The longest strike ever recorded lasted 33 years. Barbers' assistants in Copenhagen, Denmark, settled on Jan. 4, 1961 according to the Guinness Book of Records.

Niagara co-op students earn credits while working in sunny Florida

While many Niagara College students spent their winter months walking and driving through snowstorms, four tourism students spent the same months in sunny Florida.

The four, Helen Simpson, Sharon Taylor, Sherry Clark and Lisa Horvath, were part of a co-op program to Disney World in Florida. Students from Niagara College, University of Guelph and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute earned college credits during the second term last year through the Walt Disney World College Program.

Students from 105 schools in the United States and nine foreign countries combined weekly classroom seminars, hands-on work experience, and an international living environment to complete their college education.

Niagara students worked in the food and beverage area of the Canadian Pavilion at Walt Disney World. They were responsible for serving food, working the cash register and telling visitors about life in Canada.

Students worked five months, beginning in January, to complete the co-op program. A second co-op program is available for the other seven months of the year, starting in June.

WAS ENJOYABLE

One student, Helen Simpson, said the experience was very enjoyable.

"The job was not that great, but the other people made it easier to get through," she said.

"Meeting people from the other pavilions and learning about their countries was nice," Helen said.

The pavilions of other countries included China, Mexico, United Kingdom, Japan and Germany.

Students were guaranteed 30 hours a week while working five days. During busier times the students would work as many as 60 hours a week.

The work schedule allowed some free time which was spent sightseeing, sitting at the beaches or at the pool, Helen said.

Niagara students lived in a trailer park which housed most people in the program. The park held 400 people, 350 of them Americans, and the others from other countries.

Students ask SAC for pub improvements

Eighty-seven students participated in the Student Administrative Council's survey to voice their suggestions and complaints about pubs, social convener Jenifer Swiercz said.

The survey was designed to give SAC some feedback on how to improve the pubs and answer some student questions. The surveys were distributed during several of the mini-pubs (Speakeasys) last month.

Several students complained that the price of draft beer was to expensive. A 12-ounce glass of draft costs $1. "No other college in the province matches our price because other colleges charge $1 for just an eight-ounce glass," Jenifer said.

Jenifer said line-ups could be avoided and go through the doors faster if students had proper identification (a Niagara College student card and proof of age) ready. Students are allowed one guest, but first must sign up in the SAC office prior to the pub. The student who signed in the guest will be liable for any damages caused.

Students also complained about being turned away from pubs because there were no more tickets. The college cafeteria in the Black Walnut Building has a capacity of 500. "Students have ample time to get tickets because pubs are advertised well in advance," Jenifer said.

No longer will students have to wait outside past the admission time of 8 p.m. for the doors to open. At previous pubs students sometimes had to wait because the bands weren't ready. In a stipulation agreement between SAC and future bands, the sound check must be completed by 7:30 p.m., otherwise 10 per cent of the performing act's fee will be withheld, Jenifer said.

The major pubs are held on Wednesday nights so they will not interrupt continuing education classes. The bands are less expensive and more available on a weekday, Jenifer said.

Of the 87 people surveyed, 90 per cent said they were rock fans.

New York City

Design students plan five-day trip

On Oct. 21 third-year interior design students will be leaving on a five-day trip to New York City. During the field trip the students will visit art galleries and museums with exhibitions relating to their profession.

In New York the students will have a full schedule of activities. The itinerary will include: a tour of the city, a visit to the Fashion Institute of New York, a lecture by a prominent New York interior designer, and a visit to the museum of Modern Art.

Program co-ordinator Paul Firlotte said funds for the trip were raised through student contributions and college money, and money from the third-year interior design club, Spectrum Design Club, were used for hotel and flight costs.

'A GO'

Mr. Firlotte said that although there is the possibility of a strike the trip is "seen as a go" because organizers do not believe there will be a strike. In the event of a strike, arrangements have been made to cancel plane and hotel reservations and hold the trip at a later date.

Earlier in October, Year 1, 2, and 3 interior design students visited the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. At the museum they saw an exhibition depicting the Georgian influence on Canadian lifestyle and culture from 1745 to 1820. The exhibit featured oil paintings of prominent men of the time, paintings of life in early Canada and articles used in daily life.

VISIT MUSEUM

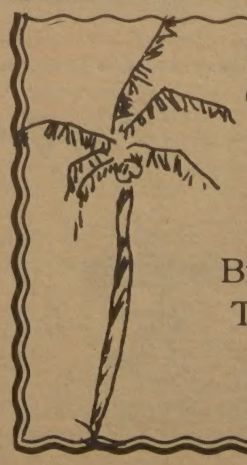
During their visit to Toronto third-year students visited the Gardner Museum and saw a display of early Mexican and Mayan pottery and continental and English porcelains.

Later this year, first-year students will travel to the Art Gallery of Ontario and the Grange, an old home restored to its 1800s style.

Later this year, second-year students may travel to Dundurn Castle in Hamilton, the Kittinger Furniture Company near Buffalo and the Albright Knox Museum in Buffalo.

In early November all interior design students are scheduled to the Interior Design Show at the new convention centre in Toronto.

"The reason for these field trips is to expose the students to large centres because we do not have the facilities in this area," Mr. Firlotte said.



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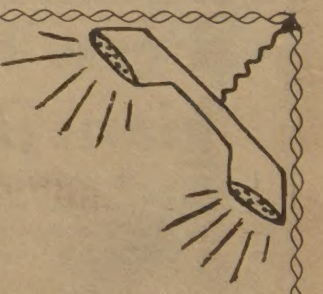

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ENTERTAINMENT

New stage craft instructor Ron Lightfoot teaches a Theatre Centre student set-building technique.

Set builder plies trade, instructs at theatre

Niagara Theatre Centre's new stage craft instructor has to be in his own words, a "jack-of-all-trades."

Ron Lightfoot, 26, former Niagara College student, has for the past four years been head carpenter at the Shaw Festival. As a stage craft instructor Mr. Lightfoot teaches the "proper procedures for working on stage."

Carpentry

Mr. Lightfoot teaches carpentry, set building, welding, furniture building, and rigging, which is the art of tying knots. Because safety is an important part of the worksite, Mr. Lightfoot heads the newly-formed safety program.

Mr. Lightfoot has held teaching jobs at the University of Victoria and Western university. While teaching in Victoria, Mr. Lightfoot had the chance to work on the set of the television soap opera, General Hospital.

Soap opera

The show was being filmed in Victoria and people were hired from the university to help build the sets. Mr. Lightfoot said it was an "excellent experience," but he thought that most of them "were just a bunch of Hollywood people up in Canada who thought they were God's gift to entertainment."

Mr. Lightfoot has built more than 50 sets in the last four years. The Singular Life of Alfred Knobbs was his favorite set to build because it contained a lot of stained glass. "It's nice to have a little challenge," he said.

Mr. Lightfoot said, "you can only tell the students so much, they need to get hands on experience."

Season opener

Press Theatre set giant jigsaw puzzle

Students at the Theatre Centre built a room-sized jigsaw puzzle — the set for Press Theatre's production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

The set was built at the centre in Welland and moved to the Playhouse at Brock University, St. Catharines. It was built and painted in sections, assembled, taken down, and re-assembled on the Playhouse stage.

Like a jigsaw puzzle, every piece of the room had to fit exactly, even the floor.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest takes place in a patients' lounge of a mental hospital. Terry Nicholls, resident set designer at the Theatre Centre, designed a clinical, white room with glass panelled doors and a linoleum tile floor.

Glass surrounds the nursing station and adds to the impersonal, sterile atmosphere.

Students built the set under Mr. Nicholl's supervison, using material supplied by Press Theatre.

The students "need work experience in a professional situation," Doug Rathbun, technical director at the Centre said. Sets for one or two Press Theatre productions are built each year "depending on our schedule. There may only be one this year."

Jazz concert

The award-winning Niagara College Jazz Band is doing a benefit concert at the Merritton Community Centre in St. Catharines next Wednesday.

The band will play at a benefit to raise money to fix the roof of St. James Anglican Church.

There will also be a spaghetti dinner, break dancers, and dancing for only $5 for adults. The cost is $3 for children under 12 and $20 for a family of more than five. There will be a cash bar.

Anyone wishing to attend can contact Audrey Bedard at 227-6256 in St. Catharines.

Whimsical works of silk painter capture Royal Canadian Moose

By SHIRLEY LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

Bev Sneath cannot turn a sow's ear into a silk purse — but she can turn a silk scarf into a pun.

Dressed in scarlet coats, flags flying, moose march across an oblong scarf — the Royal Canadian Moose Parade.

Paintings On Silk, an exhibition of Mrs. Sneath's work, is on display at the Hennepin Art Gallery at Niagara College. Her work includes landscapes, still lifes and a rainbow of scarves.

Silk threads shine through the colors and draw the eye to beams of sunlight in a wood. Snow glitters in a painting called Winter Morning.

Mrs. Sneath makes the color of the silk an integral part of some paintings. Remnants of Autumn, a study of fallen leaves, is done in shades of faded brown and green on a mustard-colored background.

Silk imported from China is stretched on strips of cloth and then place in a wooden frame. French dye is brushed onto the silk and set with steam. The work is cleaned, ironed and then framed on a board.

Mrs. Sneath uses a water-color technique for her work. Her designs have definite forms and silhouettes. "I must work quickly and plan my design ahead of time," she said.

A picture of cows grazing in a hilly pasture is done with soft shapes of brown and white color. At the end of a country lane, a grey city waits in the distance. Mrs. Sneath has a strong focal point in each painting.

Mrs. Sneath's work is delicate, exact, and funny. A long narrow piece called Aquarium has starfish, crabs and seashells. An empty bottle lies on the bottom. Mice in Jam Session play trumpets and the cymbals while jars of strawberry jam loom behind them.

Hennepin art display

By RENE MCKNIGHT
Staff Writer

With pencil in hand she drew a faint line, then stood back to admire the work. She leaned over the paper and began to touch up the art work to achieved her desired effect. She added a few more lines, and then suddenly erased it all and began again.

Each picture Moira Clark had hanging in the Hennepin Art Gallery told something about her. Each suggested an incident, yet let those viewing the art decide the outcome. Miss Clark has been in the business of impressions for 10 years and being an artist is what she loves best.

Miss Clark, whose work was on display at the Gallery in September, was a guest at the Artist's Workshop Sept.12. She was selected by members of the gallery through a government-sponsored venture, under which the Art Gallery of Ontario sponsors art shows and workshops outside the Toronto area.

Etching

The 33-year-old Torontonian has attempted watercolors and drawings but etching and printmaking constitute the greater part of her work.

Most of her work suggests that people have been around. Whether it be an empty glass or a blouse draped over a chair, there is usually the hint of people.

Each work she creates comes from her past and her imagination. Each reflects something of her personality, yet she has exaggerated and stylized her work to suit herself. She sees herself as an artist who can capture a moment of her past and make it last forever on paper, immortalizing herself.

She obtained her bachelor of fine arts degree at York University about 10 years ago. She has discovered, however, that time is her best teacher. With each print she discovers something new.

It takes Miss Clark about two weeks to complete a set of prints, from the first stage where she works with metals and acid to the final stages where the ink is rubbed on the metal plates and pushed through a press.

On the average she will make 10 to 15 prints of a picture which sell from $75 to $350 each. She also names each set of the colorful prints.

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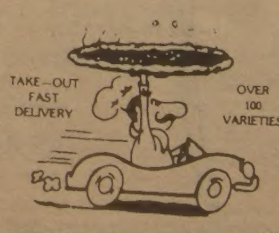

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Return engagement for Val as theatre co-ordinator

BY SHIRLEY LEREVEREND
Staff Writer

Valerie Grabove has two careers — one in theatre, and the other in education.

"The job of Theatre Centre co-ordinator needs someone who has been doing more than just working in theatre or just teaching," Ms. Grabove said.

Ms. Grabove has an eight-month sessional appointment as co-ordinator, to replace John Rapsey who is on sabbatical leave. Mr. Rapsey is in Australia helping to produce a feature film and visiting theatre schools.

Ms. Grabove has a degree in psychology from the University of Western Ontario. She said: "I have always been involved with theatre, but I had never considered it as a career. A psychologist — that's what I was going to be."

Then, in her third year at university, "A light went on," and she realised a career in education would be a happy marriage of her interest in people as well as the arts.

Ms. Grabove has performed and directed with Carousel Players, a children's theatre company which tours the schools. She is now president of Carousel Players' board of directors and "trying to keep my head above water with my job."

Valerie Grabove

Workshops

She designed and executed Inside-Outside, a program of creative drama workshops for prison inmates. Her program helped prisoners adjust to life on the outside by bringing them in contact with members of the community.

"What I have been doing in my career," she said, "has been working in and out of the education system. Each time I re-enter one field or the other I bring something more to it. I have a little more theatre experience since I was here last time."

This is Ms. Grabove's second stint at Niagara College. She was at the college from 1976 to 1978. For the first year she replaced creative drama instructor Norah Morgan, who was instrumental in bringing her to Niagara.

As well as co-ordinating and teaching in the program, Ms. Grabove will direct two of the four plays she helped select for this season — The Insect Comedy and The Decameron.

Students are "very co-operative" in a drive for cleanliness and safety at the Theatre Centre. Ms. Grabove described the physical environment and facilities there as "adequate, but they are certainly not more than adequate. I am not pleased with mould on the washroom walls."

She said problems are due to the age of the buildings, and that there are advantages as well as drawbacks to the conditions at the Centre. The students learn flexibility and how to work under conditions they may find at their first jobs.

"We cope. And the students learn a great deal."

Theatre Centre menu '84

The 1984-85 season at the Theatre Centre offers a four-course meal, a feast for the senses — and food for thought.

Hors-d'oeuvre and appetizers — The Insect Play, directed by co-ordinator Valerie Grabove. To whet the appetite, this spicy comedy is seasoned with dark questions about love, responsibility and war.

Pinnochio, the salad course, is the well-loved story of a wooden puppet who magically becomes a little boy. Pinnochio falls in with bad companions, but finds his way home again. Di Nyland-Proctor, former artistic director of Press Theatre, St. Catharines, will direct this play, freshly told with costumes, music and technical effects.

Main course is The Decameron, a down-to-earth dish which Ms. Grabove describes as the bawdy Italian answer to The Canterbury Tales. Pantomime, music and acrobatics will tell this irreverent story of human nature. Ms. Grabove will direct it.

Dessert is not always pie and ice cream. Sometimes dessert is wine, cheese and very strong coffee. The feast is complete with a tangy taste of mystery and evil — the story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, directed by D'Arcy McHayle.

The Insect Comedy opens Oct.23 at the Theatre Centre, 54 Empire St., and runs to Oct. 27. Opening night for Pinnochio is Dec. 11, the play runs to Dec. 20. The Decameron runs from Feb. 19 to Feb. 22, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde from April 17 to April 26. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

Student body boogies to southern fried rock

By DAVE SMITH
Staff Writer

In a flash of pink and red light Tres Hombres exploded onto the stage Sept. 24 with their own brand of Southern fried rock.

Playing to a capacity crowd in the cafeteria in the Black Walnut building they thrilled the audience with their high-powered sound.

Decked out in cowboy hats and sunglasses, Tres Hombres unleashed classic ZZ Top tunes such as Cheap Sunglasses, 10 Foot Pole and Gimme All Your Lovin'.

The three-man group out of Toronto played songs from hard rock to blues in a cool, free-wheeling style that excited the crowd to greater heights with each tune the band did.

Tres Hombres is made up of Jack Daniels, lead singer from Lamesa, Tex., whose voice was as smooth as Tennessee sipping whiskey; Johnny Walker of Lubbock, Tex., on guitar; and Jim Beaum of New Orleans, on drums who performed a 15-minute solo at the beginning of the second set that left the audience cheering.

The band played for about two hours with a break between sets for a costume change. All through the night the crowd was held spellbound by their overpowering style of music and slick banter. At times they threatened to drown out the booming sound system.

At the end of the concert dozens of voices chanted and clapped "We want more" and the band returned for an encore performance of the highly successful song Legs that was described by some as "awesome."

Mr. Daniels said he had seen the band ZZ Top play some time ago in San Antonio, Tex., and really liked them. He and Mr. Walker had known each other for a long time so in March 1984 they decided to get a group together.

'Colleges great'

"Colleges have been great," Mr. Daniels said in a soft Texas accent. "There've been a lot of great turn-outs."

Tres Hombres has played mostly in colleges and Mr. Daniels said that both the group and the kids really seem to have a good time.

A highlight of the pub was the crowd themselves. Last Wednesday was Cheap Sunglasses Night so the audience turned out in their best sunglasses, cowboy hats, powder blue minis and there was a couple of "sharp dressed men."

Tres Hombres followed on the highly successful heels of Cats Can Fly, who appeared at the Student Administrative Council's first pub on Sept. 12, which kept students dancing till midnight

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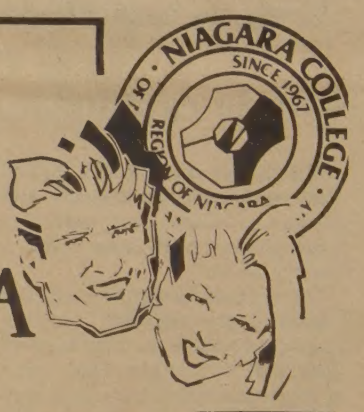

The Fashion Club Boutique has made a lucky strike of accessories this fall. Part of the discovery is a wealth of **double-wrap belts** in white, red, grey and black, priced at **$10.00**, and a lode of **rich leather ties** in grey, black and brown priced at **$8.00** and **$9.00**.

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SPORTS

Adds 2 machines

Athletic dept beefs up weightroom

Peter Piper pumps his pecs. And anyone attending Niagara College can do likewise. The weight room at Niagara has two new training machines.

The new machines, a pec deck and a squat machine, arrived a little over a week ago. Fred Bassi of the athletic department said the machines are designed by Global Gym and Fitness Ltd.

Mr. Bassi said the college was hesitant about buying much-in-demand dumbbells because of theft. A solution would be hiring a student to supervise in the weight room, he said. Considering the enormity of the weight-training machines we already possess, theft is not a worry. "If a guy is strong enough to walk away with those machines, then let him," Mr. Bassi said.

A sign on a wall at a health studio says the pec deck is designed to build "the pectoralis majors of the chest and the deltoids of the shoulders."

The squat machine is aimed at working the various muscles that make up the thighs.

Using budget money accumulated over the years, the athletic department purchased two new weight-training machines. Shown is Jacqueline Boilard, an Educational Resource Technician student, using the new pec deck.

Scott Adams, who was using the squat machine, gasped between breaths: "It's a strain on muscles I never used before."

Rowing Welland Vale teacher member of gold-winning team

A Welland Vale teacher was among a group of five Canadian oarsmen who won two gold medals at the Masters' Championships in Belgium on Sept. 29 and 30.

John McIntyre, math and English teacher, said it was "quite a regatta." Crews from Australia, Mexico, Finland, Czechoslovakia, England and Germany competed in the championships.

Mr. McIntyre rowed with Rick Symsyk, Wayne Philbrick, Rich Crooker and cox Barney Stout in the cox four class in two different age groups. They won gold medals in the 1000-metre finals in both the 32-37 age group and the 38-44 age group.

Mr. McIntyre, who has been teaching at Welland Vale for 14 years, said it was a "remarkably well run regatta." It was the group's objective to go to the world championships, he said.

Knights' golf team third in province

The Niagara Knights' Golf team finished an impressive third in the Ontario championships held Sept. 26, 27 and 28 at the Cataraqui Golf Club in Kingston in which St. Lawrence College was host.

The team shot a two-round total of 672 to finish tied with St. Clair College behind the winners, Conestoga College and second place Canadore, and one stroke in front of Sheridan College.

The leader for Niagara was Rob Graham, who finished ninth overall, with identical rounds of 81 for a total of 162. Other Niagara golfers were Lorne Demoe who shot 80 and 84 for 164 and 13th overall, Bruce MacGregor with an 85 and 83 for 168 and 19th and Mike Greer with two rounds of 89 for 178 and 37th overall.

Coach Peter Rylander said the team could have played a few strokes better but "would've been left in third." He was happy with the team's performance and pleased with their finish although Niagara was second last year.

While Conestoga was the winner with a 643 total, other finishers in order were: Canadore, Niagara and St. Clair, Sheridan, Durham, St. Lawrence, Georgian and Fanshawe, Cambrian, Mohawk and Humber.

The top golfer in the championships was Rob Rogerson from fifth place Sheridan who shot rounds of 78 and 77 for a 155 total.

Mr. Rylander said it was a "tough course" with lots of woods and "roly" greens that were hard to putt on.

Serious infections invade campuses

'Tis the season for colds, flu and other assorted bugs to strike, and doctors at Niagara's Health Services Centre have seen quite a variety so far.

Dr. Michael Lovegrove said the "usual coughs and colds" are rampant everywhere at this time of year. But he has also seen cases of mononucleosis, hepatitis, and scabies, both at the college and in his private practice in Welland.

All of these ailments are extremely ccontagious, with mono more prevalent among high school students, and scabies (body lice) reaching epidemic proportions throughout the Niagara Region. "Just shaking hands is all you need to contract scabies," Dr. Lovegrove said. He has seen one case of hepatitis at the college so far.

Hepatitis is a viral infection which is transmitted through food and eating utensils, and arises when personal cleanliness is neglected. "So always wash your hands properly," Dr. Lovegrove said. Anyone one who contracts hepatitis must be put in isolation in hospital to prevent spreading the disease.

For the majority of cold sufferers, however, not much can be done. Doctors at the Health Services Centre, Room L20, of the Lundy Building, will prescribe antihistamines, decongestants, and if necessary, antibiotics. Dr. Lovegrove can only offer the tried-and-true advice: "Get plenty of sleep, eat a balanced diet, and take vitamin C," as no cure has been found for the common cold.

LEADS ALL

In World Series play, Mickey Mantle leads all other performers with 18 home runs. Another New York Yankee is second, Babe Ruth with 15. Mantle also leads all other with 40 RBIs.

Women given training for high-tech jobs

Niagara College offers a program to help to prepare women for further training in technology. Hi-tech preparation for women began in September under the supervision of Betty Ferguson, program co-ordinator.

The program's objective is to provide special training and education to women who have been out of the school system for sometime. There are two men in the class of 45 students.

Hi-tech prep for women is specially funded by BILD (Board of Industrial Leadership and Development). The program was started in an attempt to get women in non-traditional jobs in the technology field, Mrs. Ferguson said.

FEW WOMEN

"The field is really lacking women and this program will prepare them for other technology programs," Mrs. Ferguson said.

The college has been thinking about adopting this program for some time, she said. When BILD offered to provide special funding for the program the college jumped at the chance. Those enrolled in the program participate at no cost.

This program is designed to lead to further training in technical and medical fields. Students are not trained for jobs, only additional education, Mrs. Ferguson said.

Free agents costly

The issue of free-agent compensation came to a head on June 12, 1981, when the major league baseball players decided to strike.

It was settled on July 31. Its 49-day duation was the longest strike in sports history. In total, 712 games were cancelled, over one-third of the season.

Fans, disgruntled by the rich owners vs. the rich players conflict, showed their displeasure by boycotting the "second season." Attendance dropped drastically.

No need for ticket... should teachers picket

Hockey pucks soar, basketballs glide and tennis balls whiz through the air in preparation for their various seasons.

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Niagara College's hockey team is part of the International Hockey League. This presents a particular problem for coach Fred Bassi.

With Niagara the only Canadian team in ICHL, the missed games would likely have to be made up. There is no chance of the Americans going on strike; therefore, the missed games would be made up at their convenience. This could spell tough scheduling for Niagara, Mr. Bassi pointed out. Another method he would prefer would be to assess the team on their win-loss record.

In the event of a strike, practices would cease. The school would not pay for ice time. Should the hockey team take the initiative to hold practices on their own, they would not be covered under the school's insurance plan. This goes for the basketball teams as well.

The Ontario College Athletic Association basketball schedule is slated to begin Oct. 30. Peter Rylander, who looks after the scheduling for Niagara College, said the OCAA would probably have the teams make up the missed games.

He said the regional tennis championships scheduled for next Thursday and Friday would be ruined if the teachers walk on Wednesday.

Oktoberfest is hopping 'wunderbar'

By VALERIE SCOTT
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Students who wore green hats with yellow, blue or red feathers resembled bouncing German Robin Hoods on the dance floor.

Girls danced with girls, guys with guys, with each other or because they didn't know what to do — so they did their own thing. Making a fool of one's self was the okay thing to do at the Oktoberfest pub Wednesday.

The Beer Doctors, a six-member band from London, Ont., played traditional German folk, polka and waltz music for the audience of 425 students. The band was dressed in the traditional leder hosen uniform (white shirt, brown shorts and suspenders with matching socks) that exposed fuzzy legs.

Fills floor

The dance floor filled when familiar tunes like Roll out the Barrel, The Strip Polka, Rock, Rattle and Jive, and Edelweiss were played. During the bird dance, some polka enthusiasts started to chirp along with the band.

Students bounced up and down out of their seats several tiems during chants of "Ziggy zaggy, ziggy zaggy hoy-hoy-hoy," to tap their plastic beer-filled cups together.

The band members were: Ian Stewart, bass; Ian McKellar, trumpet, flute and vocals; Ken Allison, vocals and "clowning;" Chris Murphy, saxaphone and clarinet; Don Dicarlo, keyboards and Matt Campbell on drums.

"We play in other bands but get together for six weeks during the year for Oktoberfest," Ian Stewart said. "We're enthusiansts of the music."

Hop crop

Chris Murphy, the band leader, said that Oktoberfest is a celebration of the hops crop. Once the hop has been harvested, the last year's beer is ready to be drunk.

"Every town in Germany had their own brewery," Ian said, "It must be nice."

The Oktoberfest pub was another feather in the cap for the Student Administrative Council

NIAGARA

SPORTS

Gretzky and gang to repeat?

Powerhouse Oilers look slick in 84-85

By ROB YEDINAK
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If you were to pick two words to describe the 1983-84 National Hockey League season they might be Edmonton Oilers. To try and describe the upcoming 1984-85 season, you could pick those same words and be as accurate as arm-chair analyst.

Smythe

Though they play in the weak Smythe Division, the Oilers were tough for everybody last year. Placing five players in the top 13 scorers, Edmonton seems to be just as powerful this year. Any doubts of their defence may dwindle away after goalie Grant Fuhr's outstanding playoff performance. If anything the Oilers are stronger than ever.

At the end of the seven-game playoff with Edmonton, the Calgary Flames may have gained enough momentum to carry them to a second place finish in the Smythe Division. With Kent Nilsson and Lanny McDonald up front and Rejean Lemelin in net, the Flames show good power. If they could manage an average defence, they should beat their 82 points of last year.

After Dale Hawerchuck, their leading scorer, the Winnipeg Jets are average at best. A strong performance is needed in the nets for improvement.

Since their 1982 Stanley Cup appearance, the Vancouver Canucks have had a rough time. They made it then largely because of the fine goaltending of Richard Brodeur. The Canucks again need Brodeur to come up big along with Patrik Sundstrom, Tony Tanti and Thomas Gradin.

In Los Angeles, new King coach Pat Quinn will have a hard time keeping the puck out of the Kings' net. Goaltender Mike Blake reflects the kind of talent Los Angeles has on defence — weak. Even with good forwards Bernie Nicholls and Marcel Dionne the Kings will stay in the cellar.

Norris

In the Norris Division, Detroit looks ready to make a move. Steve Yzerman, Ivan Boldirev and Ron Duguay will improve on their point totals while Greg Stefan and Corarado Micalef should be one of the best combinations in the NHL nets.

Last season's division champions, Minnesota North Stars, will go through a battle if they want to keep their title. Strong forwards Neal Broten, Brian Bellows and Dino Ciccarelli will help the cause but goalies Don Beaupre and Gilles Meloche will have a hard time coming up big.

In Chicago, a healthy Al Secord with Denis Savard and Steve Larmer will aid the offence while Bob Murray and Doug Wilson anchor the defence. A lack of depth behind Murray Bannerman between the posts will hurt the Black Hawks.

The Toronto Maple Leafs should give their fans some hope by climbing out of last and into the playoffs. Rick Vaive should again lead the forwards while first round draft choice Al Iafrate will help a defence which should improve behind goaltenders Allan Bester and Ken Wregget.

With no 1983 draft choices,the St. Louis Blues will begin to feel the effects this season. Goaltender Mike Liut seems to be the only bright spot in what will be a dismal Blue's season.

Since coming to the Capitals from Montreal, defenceman Rod Langway has helped the team greatly. Goaltending will again be oustanding with Pat Riggin and Al Jensen.

Patrick

Who will ever forget the fifth game of last year's playoff between the New York Rangers and Islanders? The Rangers will be out for revenge, and may get it. With eight 20-goal scorers last season, the Rangers show a balanced attack. The goaltending will be strong with Glen Hanlon as will the defence with Barry Beck and Ron Greschner.

If any of the first three teams falter, look for the Philadelphia Flyers to make a move. Though they will miss Bobby Clarke, now General Manager, the Flyers look good.

In first round draft choice Mario Lemieux the Pittsburgh Penguins have another scoring punch besides Mike Bullard, as well as a much needed drawing card for home games. The Penguins used a total of 42 players last season.

New Jersey must have more offence if they hope to accomplish anything. In 1984 the entire team scored 231 goals, lowest in the NHL. Their first round draft choice, Kirk Muller, should help the defence keep the shot total down.

Adams

In the Adams Division it's a two way race. The Boston Bruins have great players in Barry Pederson and Rick Middleton and Ray Bourque.

The Buffalo Sabres will challenge Boston for the division but need to come through under pressure more than in the past.

The Hartford Whalers will have their best year since merging with the NHL. General Manager Emile Francis will get big years from Sylvain Turgeon and Mark Johnson with Dave Tippett being Hartford's diamond in the rough.

It will be the improvement of Hartford and not the demise of Quebec that puts the Nordiques fourth. Michel Goulet and Peter Stastny will have big years again and with Mario Gosselin as starting goalie, they may surprise.

In Montreal, the Canadiens are putting too much pressure on rookie goaltender Steve Penny.

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